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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR CNAD

REF: A)USNATO 4497; B) USNATO 4588

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO DRAFT AGENDA REF B:

2.(A) REGARDING PROPOSED ITEM IV "LOGISTICS," WE CONCUR IN
CONTINUATION OF CNAD EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A COHERENT APPROACH
TO LOGISTICS. EXPERIENCE TO DATE HAS SHOWN THAT CNAD IS
PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THAT PORTION OF LOGISTICS DEFINED
AS "PRODUCTION LOGISTICS" AND MANY OF THE MAJOR COUNTRIES
DO NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO CNAD WITH RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR LOGISTIC FUNCTIONS OTHER THAN PRODUCTION/PROCUREMENT.
FOR THIS REASON, THE U.S. IS CURRENTLY RESPONDING TO THE
1975 MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE CONCERNING RATIONALIZATION/
STANDARDIZATION WITH AN INITIATIVE TO FOCUS MORE PRIORITY
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ATTENTION ON WHAT HAS BEEN DEFINED AS "CONSUMER LOGISTICS."

WE BELIEVE THAT WORK DONE UNDER THIS INITIATIVE WILL BE COMPLEMENTARY TO THE WORK ON PRODUCTION LOGISTICS BEING DONE UNDER CNAD AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT WILL PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL STAFF LEADERSHIP TO BOTH. THE U.S. WILL BE PREPARED TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS THIS IN THE OCTOBER CNAD UNDER ITEM IV.

(B) WITH RESPECT TO SAMS(A)(II), "THE PROPOSAL BY NIAG TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE COST FACTORS TO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE SELECTION OF MEDIUM SAMS" SHOULD IN OUR VIEW BE DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AS PREMATURE. THERE ARE ALREADY THREE ONGOING NATO STUDIES: THE US/FLG, FR/UK, AND THE IMPROVED HAWK.

(C) WE WOULD HOPE TO KEEP ITEM VIII(C), THE STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF NNAG ON "REQUEST FOR A PREFEASIBILITY STUDY BY NIAG ON A NATO VERY SHORT-RANGE AIR DEFENSE WEAPON SYSTEM" OFF THE AGENDA AS WELL.

3. ON ADIT:

(A) IF THE ANALYSIS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRES CANNOT BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE OCTOBER CNAD, THE U.S. SHOULD AGREE TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THIS ANALYSIS UNTIL THE APRIL CNAD.

(B) WITH REGARD TO AGARD UNDERTAKING, THE MODELING OF A TACTICAL MISSILE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, THE U.S. SHOULD NOT OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL PROVIDED THAT: (1) AGARD IS WILLING, (2) THE WORK CAN BE COMPLETED BY THE APRIL 76 CNAD, AND (3) THE WORK CAN BE LIMITED TO A TWO MAN LEVEL OF EFFORT. SISCO

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